

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 656 without my signature.

While I am supportive of employee rights, this bill would create an inconsistent treatment of non-peace officer employees in unions with peace officer majorities and similar non-peace officer employees that are in unions without a peace officer majority. I do not believe a sufficient case can be made why one group should circumvent the existing dispute resolution process that currently exists through the Public Employment Relations Board.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger